

Remarks

By this Amendment, claims 36, 37 and 46 are amended, and new claims 60-69 are added.

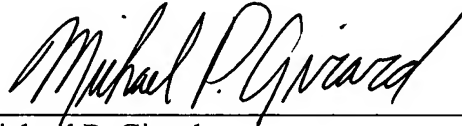
Claim 36 is amended to correct a minor typographical error. Claims 37 and 46 are amended to remove the recitations of "a distal end" of each segment, because these recitations are believed to be unnecessary for patentability. Claims 60-63 which depend from claim 37 and claims 64-67, which depend from claim 46, have been added to recite the "distal end" features. Claims 68 and 69 are added to define the open interior areas. No new matter has been added.

Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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